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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TU ET AL.

Examiner

Hanh B Thai

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 November 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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This is in response to application filed November 21, 2001 in which claims 1-8 are presented for examination.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hesse et al. (US Patent no. 5,950,010).

Regarding claims 1 and 5, Hesse discloses a process basic record inquiry system, wherein the basic record inquiry system connects to an area controller database, and the process basic record inquiry system comprises:

- a basic record inquiry server (BRI Server), wherein the BRI Server has a plurality of data modules (see col.2, lines 15-25, Hesse), and the BRI Server is connected to the AC Database (database 210, Fig.4, Hesse); and
- a plurality of basic record inquiry clients (BRI Clients) connected to the BRI Server (col.5, lines 24-35, Hesse), and each of the BRI Client has a plurality of input tables and output reports, wherein these input tables are used for generating in these output reports by entering at least one inquiry item (see col.7, line 63 to col.8, line 23; Fig. 2,4,6 and corresponding text, Hesse).

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Regarding claims 2 and 6, Hesse further discloses the process basic record inquiry system, wherein each of the data modules comprises an inquiry program (see col.4, line 60 to col.5, line 5, Hesse).

Regarding claims 3 and 7, Hesse further discloses the process basic record inquiry system, wherein the inquiry program is coded with a structural query language (see col.6, lines 10-20, Hesse).

Regarding claims 4 and 8, Hesse further discloses the process basic record inquiry system, wherein the output reports are fabricated with Access software (see col.8, lines 14-16, Hesse).

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

1. Chang et al. (US Patent no. 6,308,178) disclose a system for integrating data among heterogeneous systems.

2. Brady (US Patent no. 6,633,875) discloses a computer database system and method for collecting and reporting real estate property and loan performance information over a computer driven network.

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3. Newman et al. (US Patent no. 5,987,633) disclose a system, method and article of manufacture for time point validation.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hanh B Thai whose telephone number is 703-305-4883. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on 703-308-1436. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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